

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A prosthesis for large blood vessels, ~~wherein the prosthesis comprises~~ comprising:

a main conduit ~~(2)~~ having first and second ends, at least one intermediate tract of ~~which~~ said main conduit is subdivided between said first and second ends into a plurality of ~~small~~ smaller conduits [(3)] located parallel one to another.

2. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the ~~small~~ smaller conduits [(3)] each have an internal calibre which is smaller than an internal calibre of the main conduit [(2)].

3. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 2, wherein an overall section which is a sum of sections of the ~~small~~ smaller conduits [(3)] is approximately equal to a section of the main conduit [(2)].

4. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 3, wherein the ~~small~~ smaller conduits [(3)] are independent one from another.

5. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 2, wherein the ~~small~~ smaller conduits [(3)] are three in number.

6. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 5, wherein a ~~small~~ smaller conduit of the ~~small~~ smaller conduits $[(3)]$ exhibits a greater calibre than two of the ~~small~~ smaller conduits $[(3)]$.

7. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim 6, wherein the main conduit $[(2)]$ and the ~~small~~ smaller conduits $[(3)]$ are made of a bio-compatible material which exhibits a ~~small~~ smaller elastic deformability in a transversal direction thereof and a greater elastic deformability in a longitudinal direction thereof.

8. (new) A prosthesis for large blood vessels, comprising:

a first conduit;

plural second conduits connected to said first conduit, said plural second conduits having a diameter smaller than said first conduit; and

a third conduit connected to said plural second conduits at a side opposite said first conduit, said third conduit having a diameter that is the same as said first conduit.